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Group: 2813

Examiner: L. Schillinger

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The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in conjunction with the above-identified application.

Please cancel claims 7-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 7-14 have been canceled.

Claim 1 is in independent form.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.